CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPLACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) the Central Electricity Authority has clarified that in the original Dabhol Power Project, the exportable capacity was 2015 MW while in the renegotiated project, the exportable capacity is 2184 MW (Phase-I: 740 MW & Phase-II: 1444 MW) corresponding to 2450 MW (Phase-I: 826 MW & Phase-II 1624 MW) ISO.

Subsidy to Oil Refineries

2981. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the refineries in the country are running in profits for the last three years;

(b) whether any subsidy is given to these refineries to increase their profit; and

(c) if so, the subsidy given during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) to (c) The pricing of petroleum products is based on the retention concept whereunder the oil refineries, oil marketing companies and the pipelines are compensated operating costs and return at 12% post tax on net worth. Under the retention concept, a fixed level of profitability for oil companies is ensured subject to their achieving laid down capacity.

Per Capita Consumption of Petrol/Diesel

2982. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual per capita consumption of petrol/diesel in each State and in the country as a whole, as on October 31, 1996;

(b) the reasons for less supply of petrol to Gujarat in comparison to its requirments;

(c) the annual demand of petrol in each district of Gujarat during the last three years, Year-wise and district-wise; and

(d) the details of measures taken or to be taken by Government to bring the State at per with the national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) and (b) Petrol and Diesel are not allocated products and supplies to the State are made as per the full requirment. Further, the requirements are related to vehicular traffic and not to population. The State-wise sales of petrol and diesel during April-October, 1996 are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) The annual sales of petrol in the State of Gujarat for the last three years, year-wise, districtwise are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

Statement-I

Petrol (MS) and Diesel (HSD) sales to the States/UTs during April-October, 1996

(FIG. In MT)

STATE/UT	SALES DURING M.S.	APRIL-OCT., 1996 H.S.D.
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	1472	3078
ANDHRA PRADESH	196189	1764775
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	8890	8839
ASSAM	31550	153542
BIHAR	93675	381972
CHANDIGARH	26591	27853
DADAR N. HAVELI	2427	31352
DELHI	277393	707836
DIU/DAMAN	2231	7735
GOA	20219	103802
GUJARAT	242693	1443804
HARYANA	90325	869073
HIMACHAL PRADESH	17830	123412
JAMMU & KASHMIR	33009	117737
KARNATAKA	198221	1111585
KERALA	132188	731803
LAKSHADWEEP	—	2584
MADHYA PRADESH	133680	1127450
MAHARASHTRA	438132	2210917
MANIPUR	5459	12376
MEGHALYA	10877	12019
MIZORAM	3878	4770
NAGALAND	5944	8613
ORISSA	44496	136129
PONDICHERY	7722	61177
PUNJAB	192347	1134463
RAJASTHAN	112202	1259888
SIKKAM	2685	8573
TAMIL NADU	214000	1729703
TRIPURA	3361	16977

UTTAR PRADESH	242961	2225224
WEST BENGAL	93196	451408
ALL INDIA	2885943	17990469

STATEMENT-II

District-wise sales of Petrol (MS) in Gujarat during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

(FIGS. IN MT)

DISTRICT	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
AHMEDABAD	81400	85486	104130
AMRELI	3305	3453	4362
BANASKANTHA	3756	3789	4573
VADODARA	35447	37939	44653
BHAVNAGAR	14371	1588	18850
BHARUCH	9904	10532	13537
THE DANGS	155	148	193
GANDHINAGAR	6006	6316	8107
JAMNAGAR	7673	7597	9474
JUNAGADH	8505	8817	11423
KHEDA (KAIRA)	15779	16685	217558
KUTCH	7210	8157	10088
MEHSANA	10479	10814	13841
PANCH MAHALS	6341	6515	7254
RAJKOT	20767	21999	26556
SABARKANTHA	6311	6559	8026
SURAT	53008	54994	62063
SURENDRANAGAR	3058	3412	4227
VALSAD	16958	17817	19693

Metalling of Roads in villages of Almora in Uttar Pradesh

2983. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Uttar Pradesh Government has received any proposal/ request/ representations from the residents of Basot and near by villages of District Almora, for metalling of the Kachcha Road from Mohan to Chauri Ghatti via Harara, Talla Salt, and Ghatti to Basot;

(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon; and (c) if not, by when the above work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEV PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

FICCI's Suggestion for Relaxing Land Ceiling Restrictions

2984. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industry favours easing of the land ceiling restrictions as step towards a major corporate sector participation in the Agro Sector;

(b) whether FICCI have suggested that Government should allot sufficient land to such units or permit the industry to acquire land on long lease for cultivation and suitably amend the land law;

(c) if so, whether Government have considered their views; and

(d) if so, by when land ceiling restrictions would be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the different Ministries and shall be placed on the Table of the House when received.

Market support for promotion of food processing sector in Gujarat

2985. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for developing linkages with backward farmers through market support in order to promote food processing sector in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what other measures are being taken by Government to promote food processing sector in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OR THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (c) Government have taken various steps for promoting food processing industries in the whole country including Gujarat. These include delicensing of most of the food processing industries and operating developmental Plan Schemes.